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### **Fairfield generates savings, reduces senior management team**

**Fairfield, California (Wednesday, June 27, 2012)**—With the retirement of Community Resources Department Director Eve Somjen on July 26, the City of Fairfield will rely on Erin Beavers, director of the Community Development Department, to assume responsibility for overseeing an additional department.

The City's plan is to have both departments report to Beavers, and look for efficiencies in the process. Bringing the Community Development and Community Resources departments together under one director seems quite manageable since their missions are related. Both departments have been cut severely over the past few years – the most recent and significant cuts, especially in planning, economic development, and housing have been the result of the State's elimination of redevelopment. By bringing the departments together, there is an opportunity to leverage resources and do more with less.

"We are fortunate to have a seasoned department head in Erin, who stands ready to expand his responsibilities to include overseeing the Community Resources Department," said City Manager Sean Quinn. "This approach will generate savings, which we intend to use to improve services delivered to our community."

Fairfield is making every effort to deal with its fiscal emergency and limit impacts to service delivery. A similar approach was used by Quinn earlier this year when he combined the management of the Finance Department and the responsibilities of the deputy city manager into one director's position.

Beavers, who has been with the City over 20 years, assumes directorship of the Community Resources Department on July 27. The Community Resources Department can be reached at 707-428-7465.

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